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FRANK H. MASON;
United States Consul-General.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Cholera in Egypt and Syria.

NAPLES, ITALY, December 8, 1902.

Week ended December 6. December 3, steamship *Roma*, of the Fabre Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. Number of steerage passengers inspected and passed, 860; pieces of large baggage, 250; pieces of baggage disinfected by steam, 925. The rejection of 58 steerage passengers was advised. Steamship *Lombardia*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. Number of steerage passengers inspected and passed, 492; pieces of large baggage, 122; pieces of baggage disinfected by steam, 750. The rejection of 28 steerage passengers was advised. December 6, steamship *Napolitan Prince*, of the Prince Line, bound, with passengers and cargo, for New York. Number of steerage passengers inspected and passed, 337; pieces of large baggage, 111; pieces of baggage disinfected by steam, 600. The rejection of 25 steerage passengers was advised.

Asiatic cholera in Egypt.

A report from Cairo, dated December 5, 1902, states that, at that time, only 4 cases of Asiatic cholera remained under treatment in Egypt, all 4 cases being at Alexandria.

Asiatic cholera at Palestine.

Reports from Jerusalem, dated December 8, 1902, state that the epidemic of Asiatic cholera in Palestine is on the decrease. During the week then past there were 51 cases with 30 deaths at Jaffa, and a few cases in neighboring villages.

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The SURGEON GENERAL.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama.

Asst. Surg. Dunlop Moore reports from Yokohama, November 27, as follows: For the week ended November 22, 1902, 5 vessels were inspected, having an aggregate personnel of 378 crew and 155 passengers; 40 steerage passengers were bathed and 60 pieces of baggage were disinfected. One vessel, the U. S. navy-cutter *Justin*, was granted a bill of health without inspection.

There were officially reported in Yokohama during the same period cases of infectious diseases as follows: Enteric fever, 8 cases, 1 death;